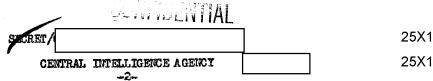
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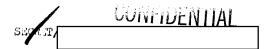
in infantry training, since artillery pieces were not yet available. The let Conderabteilung (Acn) had infantry arms and conducted infantry training. Only one model Java motorcycle was available, but it was planned to equip the 1st and 2d aug, each of which had 20 police organized into three Gruppen, with one motorcycle and two sidecar motorcycles each, the sideear motorcycles having mounted machine guns. The 3d Aug was to be equipped with bicycles. The 2d bonderabteiling (Sig) had infantry arms and conducted infantry training. It was equipped with field telephones, but had no radio sets. The 4th bonderabteilung (Lort) had infantry arms and three Soviet mortars of about 80 mm caliber. Training with the mortars was done only in the ordance hall. The 5th Sonderabteilung (Engr) practiced the construction of makeshift footbridges and ferries and received technical inductrination. No engineer or demolition equipment was available. The 6th banderabtoilung (AT Arty) was equipped with small arms and trained in a locked shed with one boviet AT gun. The 7th Sonderabteilung (Arrd) was equipped with an old T-3h tank, a beviet SP gun on a T-34 chassis and two ammunition carriers allegedly of Pritish origin. The training with armored vehicles was conducted only in a closed ordnance hall. The motor vehicle equipment of the VPD as of mid-February included 11 ZIS trucks, 1 Horch truck, 1 ambulance, 4 passanger cars. 3 Java motorcycles and 1 Awa motorcycle.

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- 4. The VPD included a telephone exchange, operated by women, which probably was connected with the postal net, and a teletypewriter. Nothing was known of the existence of a radio station. Lotorcycle couriers were dispatched by the VPD to the NVA and to VP Bereitschaften in Prenzlau, Littau, Kochstedt, and Eggesin.
- 5. The morale of the VPD personnel was rather low since, despite all promises, the unit was inadequately equipped with weapons, equipment and motor vehicles and therefore was engaged in monotonous infantry training most of the time. The older men of the trained personnel, such as the VP Mauptwachtmeister, were especially ill-humored as they had to serve in the ranks.
- 6. Following a complete stop in the induction of VP replacements prior to the final examinations in November 1953, up to 10 police recruits started arriving daily in Hohenstucken at the beginning of December 1953. The recruits were under 20 years of age and almost all of them belonged to the FDJ or SED. Upon deactivation of the VP Bereitschaft in Pinney near Angermente, about 150 police averaging one year of VP training were transferred to Hohenstuceken and used almost exclusively for the activation of the 7th Sonderabteilung (Arm). The other bonderabteilungen were organized from personnel coming from Mirehmosser near Brandenburg. *

25X1 * Comment. The organization of the VPD in Brandenburg-Hohonstuccken agrees with that of other VPDs reported since February 1971 and may be considered the standard organization of all VPDs. The strength estimate of 2,000 police appears too high, since other VPDs were reported to number only from 1,000 to 1,000 police who usually broak down into about 1,300 trained personnel and about 200 new VP candidates. According to a previous report, the VPD in Brandenburg-Hohenstuccken was assigned cover No 2511 in late January 1991, superseding cover No 207/11.



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